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Venice, May 9. N. S.

ON Wedneſday laſt her Britannick Majeſty's Secretary preſented a Memorial to our Regency, wherein he demanded the Deſerters of the Troops of Saxe-Gotha, that are in the Service of the Queen of Great Britain and the States General in Italy, and have taken Refuge in this State. Laſt Night the Senate ſent a Copy of this Memorial to their Generals in Terra-firma, with Orders to aſſiſt the Officers of thoſe Troops to retake theſe Deſerters, and to prevent the like Practices for the future. Letters from Naples ſay, that ſeveral other Friars, and ſome Spaniſh Priſoners who were enlarged upon their Parole, had been diſcovered to have been Accomplices in the Conſpiracy to ſurprize and betray Capua: Some of them have been alſo convicted for ſtirring up the People to revolt, and encouraging the Soldiers to deſert to the Enemy; for which Crimes they have been ſtrangled, by Order of the Government. They write from Rome, that the Congregation appointed to confer with the Imperial Miniſters on the Affair of Commachio continued their Meetings every Monday and Thurſday. The Preparations are continued for the Pope's Journey to Caſtel-Gandolfo, where his Holineſs deſigns to reſide this enſuing Summer. His Health is reſtored beyond the Expectation of his Phyſicians; and he hath performed all the Functions of the Feſtival, made the uſual Viſits to the Churches, and doth frequently aſſiſt at the publick Devotions, as well as the Adminiſtration of Secular Affairs. His Holineſs hath ſent new Inſtructions to his Nephew Monſieur Albani at Vienna, about the Differences depending between him and the Imperial Court; and hath alſo remitted him forty thouſand Crowns to defray the Expences of a Journey, which he is to make into Poland and Muſcovy. Theſe Letters bring alſo Advice of the Arrival of Prince Avellino, Ambaſſador from King Charles to the Pope; the Marquis de Prié, the Conſtable Colonna, and ſeveral other Perſons of Diſtinction met his Excellency at ſome diſtance from the Town, and conducted him to an Apartment in the Conſtable Colonna's Houſe. This Miniſter inſiſts on receiving the Compliments of the Cardinals, without ſignifying to them his Arrival; but the College pretends that it is the uſual Cuſtom to defer their Viſit, 'till after a formal Notice. This Diſpute will occaſion ſome Differences about the Ceremonial. They write from Lombardy, that Recruits are daily paſſing through their Territories for the Imperial Forces in Piedmont.

Berne May 10. *N. S.* The People of Tockenbourg have lately ſurprized ſome Caſtles in that Country, where the Abbot of St. Gall, had made Magazines, and kept ſmall Garriſons, contrary to the Rights and Privileges of the Inhabitants. This new Incident has raiſed freſh Heats in theſe Parts, and obliged the Cantons of both Religions to be upon their Guard. In the mean time the Proteſtants have ſummoned a Diet to meet at Arrau, to agree upon Meaſures for their common Safety, in caſe the Roman Catholicks ſhould reſolve to ſupport the Abbot by Force; of which there is little Appearance after all that has paſſed relating to that Difference.

Warſaw, May 11. *N. S.* On the 5th Inſtant the King removed with his Court to Villa-Nova, about two Miles diſtant from this City. The ſame Evening a Committee of the late Great Council met at the Primate's Apartment in the Capuchin Cloyſters; the Subject whereon they were aſſembled, was to explain the Limitations of a Privilege granted to the City of Czenſtokow, in the Palatinate of Cracow, for an Exemption from all Taxes for the ſpace of twenty Years. After ſome Debates on the Extent of this Privilege, it was declared that it ſhould only have reſpect to the Monaſteries of that City. This Committee hath ſat every day of the laſt Week, and been employed in reviſing the ſeveral Acts which were projected and aſſented to at the laſt Seſſions; and yeſterday they went in a Body to wait on the King at Villa-Nova. His Majeſty was pleaſed to receive them very graciouſly, and granted his Approbation of the Method and Terms in which theſe Acts were finally digeſted. The Committee is again met this day in the Primate's Apartment; but the Concerns of particular Perſons are the only Matters that are to be debated at this Aſſembly. This Court hath lately received freſh Advices of the King of Sweden's Departure from Bender; and on the 6th the King of Poland ſent Monſieur de la Broſſe to Cracow, who is to bring an account of the Poſture of Affairs on that Frontier; and alſo to gain Intelligence of the Meaſures which his Swediſh Majeſty hath taken, in order to his Return; it being reported here that his Majeſty is joined by the Poles, under the Command of the Palatine de Kiovia. We have Advice that on the 3d Inſtant Mr. Whitworth, the Britiſh Ambaſſador to the Czar of Muſcovy, ſet out from Grodno in Lithuania, in his way to Great Britain. This Court will ſpeedily make a Journey to Marienburg in Pruſſia, where it is ſaid the King will hold a Conference with the Czar; but his Majeſty hath not yet fixed on the Day of his Departure.

Bruſſels, May 24. *N. S.* On the 20th a Courier from France paſſed through this Place, in his way to Gertruydenberg; and on the 21ſt in the Afternoon another proceeded from thence to Verſailles. Yeſterday three thouſand Pruſſian Recruits, with a great number of Horſes, marched from hence towards the Army. This Night two thouſand five hundred Imperialiſts are expected, with the Horſes for remounting the Troopers of that Nation; and to Morrow Night four thouſand Palatines are to quarter in this City, and purſue their March with the greateſt Diligence to join the Army. Letters from the Camp before Douay ſay, that on the 21ſt at Night the Beſiegers made a very good Lodgment on the Glacis of the Counterſcarp at the Right Attack; but the Diſpoſitions for paſſing the outer Ditch not being in the ſame Forwardneſs at the Left Attack, the Lodgment of the Glacis on that ſide could not be perfected before this Night. Advices from the Enemy's Frontiers ſay, their Army being aſſembled at Mont St. Quentin near Peronne on the 21ſt, they marched from that Place on the 22d, and are now encamped on the North ſide of the Schelde between Bouchain and Cambray. Theſe Advices confirm the Arrival of the Mareſchals Berwick, Bezons, and d' Arco, beſides the Mareſchals Villars and Monteſquiou.

From the Camp before Douay, *May* 26. *N. S.* The Mareſchal de Villars having drawn together the ſeveral Bodies that were aſſembled on the Frontiers, and formed his Army, paſſed the Schelde the 22d at Cambray, and encamped before that Place, with the Right near Bouchain, and the Left at Ribecour; whereupon our two Armies, except the Troops of the Siege, and twelve Squadrons left at Pont à Rache, made a Movement the 24th, and